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## South Africa

The following provides a summary of specific guidelines from the country's national guidance strategy. Use the jump links in yellow to access details on consent and confidentiality, mandatory and compulsory testing, self-testing, and quality assurance and quality improvement, in accordance with the WHO guidelines. This summary can be downloaded or e-mailed to yourself or a colleague. The original country guidance document can also be found below the jump links for download.

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**Year of Policy Available for Download:** 2010

**Language:** English

### Strategies and Algorithms

**Testing strategy for diagnosis:** Serial

**What is the HIV testing algorithm(s)?** Not Specified

**What format of HIV test is used?** A1= RDT, A2= RDT, A3= ELISA

### Consent and Confidentiality

**Does policy include an informed consent policy?** Yes

**What age can someone give informed consent?** 12

**Does policy include a confidentiality policy?** Yes

### Lay Providers and Nurses

**Can lay providers collect fingerstick specimen?** Yes

**Can lay providers collect oral fluid?** Not Specified

**Can lay providers perform RDTs?** Yes

**Can lay providers give report and positive diagnosis?** Yes

**Can nurses collect fingerstick specimen?** Yes, with training

**Can nurses collect oral fluid?** Not Specified

**Can nurses perform RDTs?** Yes, with training

**Can nurses give report and positive diagnosis?** Yes, with training

## **Community-based Testing and Self-Testing**

**Does policy allow for testing services to occur outside facilities or in community-based setting?**

Yes

**Does the policy mention HIV self-testing?** Yes

**If yes, is HIV self-testing legal/supported?** It is not recommended and not supported by legislation.

## **Mandatory and Compulsory Testing**

**Which populations require mandatory HIV testing?** Not Specified

**Which populations require compulsory HIV testing?** Not Specified

## **Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement**

**Is there a quality assurance (QA) system for HIV testing?** Yes

**Is there a quality improvement (QI) system for HIV testing?** No

**What are the QA/QI systems?** Quality Control, Supervision

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